

The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) is publishing the following proposed FFY 2005 overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program goal for the participation in highway construction contracts by DBEs for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2005 beginning October 1, 2005. (This publication appeared August 24, 2004 and August 28, 2004 in the Edwardsville Intelligencer, the state's newspaper.)

Highway construction/consultant contracts – 22.77 percent

The Department estimates that, in meeting the overall goal of 22.77 percent, the Department will obtain 16.34 percent through race-conscious measures and 6.43 percent from race neutral measures.

A copy of the document detailing the goal and how it was established is available for inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Department's Bureau of Small Business Enterprises, Room 319, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62764, (217) 782-5490, as well as the Department's library, the Department's nine district offices, the DBE Resource Center at 900 S. DesPlaines, Chicago, Illinois and the Department's web site. The Department's web site address is <http://www.dot.il.gov>. If there are any questions, please contact the Bureau of Small Business Enterprises at (217) 785-7524.

**The deadline for inspecting the document is September 24, 2004.
In addition, both the Department and the United States Department of
Transportation will accept public comments on the goal until October 6, 2004.**

Comments should be sent to the Illinois Department of Transportation,
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